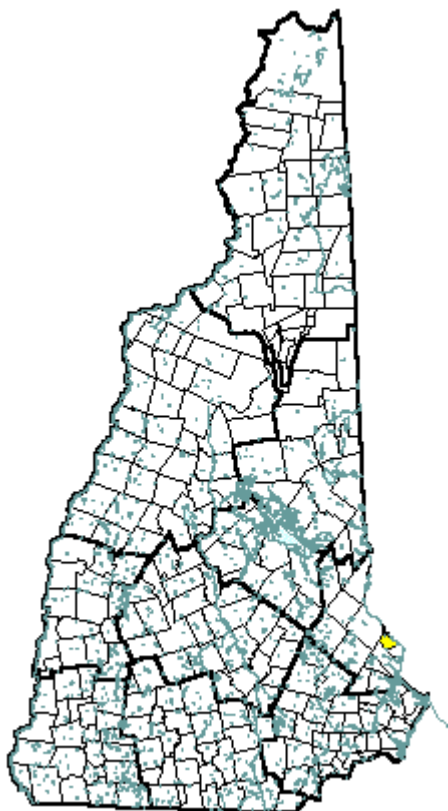


# Somersworth, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	<b>Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 am - 5 pm, Tuesday and Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm</b>
County	<b>Strafford</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Seacoast</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Strafford Regional</b>
Regional Development	<b>Southeast Economic Development Corp.</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 1 (All Wards)</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 2 (All Wards)</b>
State Senate	<b>District 6 (All Wards)</b>
State Representative	<b>Strafford County District 2 (All Wards)</b>

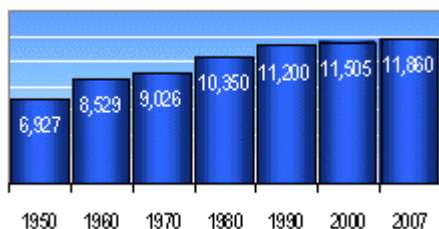
**Incorporated:** 1754

**Origin:** This territory was first settled about 1650 when it was part of Dover. It was made a separate parish in 1729, called Summersworth. In 1753, residents petitioned Governor Benning Wentworth for a separate township. The town was incorporated as Somersworth in 1754. In 1849, the town was divided nearly in half when the southern portion was incorporated as Rollinsford. Somersworth was incorporated as a city in 1893. Situated on the Salmon River, Somersworth has been home to many gristmills, sawmills, and cotton and woolen making establishments.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 943 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Somersworth totaled 4,578 over 50 years, from 6,927 in 1950 to 11,505 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 23 percent increase between 1950 and 1960; the smallest, a three percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2007 Census estimate for Somersworth was 11,860 residents, which ranked 25th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area** (*NH Office of Energy & Planning*): 1,216.1 persons per square mile of land area, the fifth highest among the cities and towns. Somersworth contains 9.8 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>City Manager &amp; Council</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	<b>\$10,025,459</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2008	<b>\$19,477,433</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1953/07</b>
Master Plan	<b>2000</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>City Council</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery</b>

Public Library **Somersworth Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>4</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Wentworth-Douglass, Dover</b>	<b>4 miles 178</b>
<b>Frisbie Memorial, Rochester</b>	<b>6 miles 112</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Northern Utilities</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Municipal</b>
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Yes</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$22.50</b>
2007 Equalization Ratio	<b>89.4</b>
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.08</b>
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>75.3%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>23.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.1%</b>

**HOUSING SUPPLY** (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	<b>5,262</b>
2007 Single-Family Units	<b>2,422</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>23</b>
2007 Multi-Family Units	<b>2,334</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>50</b>
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>506</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	<b>11,860</b>	<b>121,581</b>
2000	<b>11,505</b>	<b>112,676</b>
1990	<b>11,200</b>	<b>104,348</b>
1980	<b>10,350</b>	<b>85,408</b>
1970	<b>9,026</b>	<b>70,431</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>5,521</b>	Female	<b>5,956</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>832</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>2,449</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>2,482</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>3,446</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>895</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>1,373</b>
Median Age			<b>34.9 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>84.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>18.8%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$19,592</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$47,933</b>
Median household income	<b>\$42,739</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$36,585</b>
Female	<b>\$25,804</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>6.3%</b>

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	<b>6,455</b>	<b>6,436</b>
Employed	<b>6,256</b>	<b>6,209</b>
Unemployed	<b>199</b>	<b>227</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,747</b>	<b>1,105</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$663</b>	<b>\$897</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>2,344</b>	<b>3,447</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$405</b>	<b>\$642</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>4,091</b>	<b>4,552</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$515</b>	<b>\$704</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>451</b>	<b>526</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$487</b>	<b>\$678</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>4,542</b>	<b>5,078</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$512</b>	<b>\$702</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Somersworth operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 56**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Voc. Center; Somersworth Reg. Voc. Center; Creteau Voc. Center, Rochester** Region: **12**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>638</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>361</b>

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **345**

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **McIntosh; University of NH**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wal-Mart	Retail store	400+/-	
General Electric Co.	Manufacturing, meter control division	300+/-	
Somersworth School Department	Education	291	
Trelleborg Palmer-Chenard	Manufacturing, rubber products	200+/-	
Market Basket	Supermarket	180	
Velcro	Hook & loop products	129+/-	
Busy Bee Janitorial Services	Janitorial services	120+/-	
The Works Athletic Club	Physical fitness, wellness center	120+/-	
General Linen	Laundry facility	116+/-	
City of Somersworth	Municipal services	114+/-	

### TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>16A, 16B, 108, 236</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>Spaulding Tpk., Exit 9; I-95, Exit 5</b>	
Distance	<b>4 miles; 17 miles</b>	
Railroad	<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>Yes</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Skyhaven, Rochester</b>	Runway	<b>4,001 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Portland (ME) International Jetport</b>	Distance	<b>43 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>7</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>46 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>49 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>72 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>283 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>278 miles</b>

### COMMUTING TO WORK (US Census Bureau)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>85.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>9.3%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.8%</b>
Walked	<b>2.1%</b>
Other means	<b>1.2%</b>
Worked at home	<b>1.4%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>23.8 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>20%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>69%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>11%</b>

### RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Heritage Festival; Pumpkin Festival; Childrens Festival; Racquetball; Walking Trails; Baseball/Softball Fields; Basketball Courts; Childrens Playground</b>